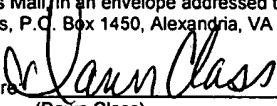


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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

An Office Action was mailed on May 26, 2006 setting forth a three-month period for response (*i.e.* by September 26, 2006). Applicants are concurrently petitioning for a three-month extension of time, extending the deadline for reply to Monday, November 27, 2006. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.